

Operation '76 and the Universal Church

The fantastic plan to turn the church into an instrument of communist conquest would be unbelievable if we did not see it all happening before our eyes.

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For the past several decades the Communist Party and its domestic front groups have made common cause with the Liberal Establishment in seeking to expunge data pertaining to race and religion from the public records of federal, state and local government, including law-enforcement agencies whose ability to maintain social order can seriously be impaired by an informational void in this area.

Now, in the wake of the promulgation of "Operation '76" at the 18th National Convention of the Communist Party, U.S.A. in New York City last June (See Winter, 1966 THE AMERICAN MERCURY, page 46), Party leaders and agents active in both Leftist and liberal organizations the length of the Country have been ordered to reverse their stand and work most diligently for the racio-religious identification of every man, woman and child in the Nation as part of a "personal inventory" which key officials of the U.S. Census Bureau wish to have incorporated in the 1970 nose-count. The about-face was required by the most sinister aspect of the Party's new and final 10-year plan for taking the United States into the Soviet-oriented World Government dated for consummation on July 4, 1976. This aspect is that of the Party's assign-

ed role in giving impetus and direction to an amalgamation of organized religious bodies which Moscow has blue-printed to emerge, in the early 1970s, as a universal "Church of World Brotherhood."

The Party's altered position on the propriety of completing an up-to-date racial and religious census arises from the need for statistical data on which to chart the vast church merger and is paralleled by a similar shift in Party policy with respect to its traditional hostility toward religion itself. Since the 1920s, trained Red agents have indeed infiltrated both the clergy and the laity to subvert the bases of faith in a Divine Creator and re-direct church and church-allied activities into purely social channels of a nature less hostile to Communist goals. This infiltration resulted in the operational capture of the old Federal Council of Churches during the 1930s, which has been maintained and apparently rendered permanent insofar as its successor, the National Council of Churches, is concerned. This control veered the "mainstream" of Protestantism inexorably to the Left, giving those denominations and individual churches which remained faithful to traditional Christian precepts a "stigma" similar to that which like methods employed in the

political sphere imparted to those remaining loyal to fundamental constitutionalism. For the most part, the Catholic Church was unaffected by these borings into the body of world Christendom—or at least seemingly so—until the passing of Pius XII in 1958, after which there was evidenced a most marked and rapid deterioration in the Vatican's anti-Bolshevist resolve which, in less than a decade, has seen that Church transformed from an implacable foe of Communism into an active and quite powerful advocate of coexistence both with Moscow and Red China. At the same time, revolutionary changes in its centuries-long teachings have moved Rome closer and closer, not to traditional Protestantism as many Catholic laymen suppose, but to that humanistic neopaganism of the National and World Council of Churches.

God Is The Enemy

And, coincidental with this "de-christianization of Christianity" which is working to syncretize the tenets of Protestantism and Catholicism in what amounts to a new "gospel," there has come from the Kremlin what to many appears to be a reciprocatory "Softening" in the classical Marxist hatred of and for religion. Those who are being deceived by this are missing the point of attack upon which all Communist theoreticians, from Marx and Lenin onward, have based their anti-religiosity. The assault has always been against the concept of Deity—of God as an entity above and beyond the vicissitudes of mundane existence and human frailties, to whom individual man owes his first allegiance and to whom he may and should entrust his fate both in life and in death. Such a concept, whether held by a Protestant, a Catholic, a Jew, a Muslim or the communicant of any other faith, poses an insurmountable obstacle to Marx's doctrine of economic determinism—the "class struggle" theory of history—which is the basic

rationale of modern-day "textbook" Communism.

For this reason, the World Communist Conspiracy has nothing to fear from a "religion" based on a social gospel which is itself the product of thinking in terms of the individual's helplessness in the face of mass economic forces. Indeed, Communism can find in such religions invaluable allies in its quest for global empire, and if they feel the necessity for transforming "God" into an invisible earthly comrade prepared to lead "the masses" in battle against their "capitalist oppressors" and keeping him as such, the Reds rightly judge that this profanation of Divinity is itself most useful to the Marxist cause.

At the 18th National Convention of the Communist Party, U.S.A., the Red faithful found "Godless Religion" incorporated in "Operation '76" as an instrumentality, co-equal with the racial-political modality reported in Newsletters No. 72, for effecting our Country's surrender to a Soviet-dominated World State by July 4, 1976. The plan of action is quite precise. It is geared to the creation of a single Church of World Brotherhood seated in the Holy Land by the mid-1970s. The ultimate goal is a Global State Religion in which the political and church powers are one and the same, but this objective extends beyond the terminal date of Operation '76, whose blueprint in this area is restricted to fostering a domestic inter-faith union of the "mainstream" of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish denominations in an expanded National Council of Churches, which by a series of "guidelines" to be laid down by several agencies of the Federal Government, and later to be sustained by decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court, will *by force of law, come to include all churches, denominations, sects and individual clergymen and evangelists legally recognized as having the right to function in the field of religion!* All seeking to

operate outside either the Council or the guidelines will, in the earlier stages of the plan, be subjected to crippling economic disabilities, and later be included under statutory and prosecutable offenses.

The immediate target is the inter-faith union within the expanded NCC (paralleled by a similar union within the World Council of Churches) on the basis of a broadened social gospel which will encompass (1) collaboration of Church and State in fostering racial and religious integration, massive federal-state-private "anti-poverty" and regionally-based urban renewal programs, and the coordination (and later outright control of all private secular and religious charitable and educational activities with (and later by) the Federal Government, and (2) the "reform" of religion, itself, to identify social "Commitment" and the "new morality" of unrestrained gratification of the physical senses with the actual worship of God.

Collaterally, all concepts of God as Divine Creator, Savior or Intercessor in the affairs of men are to be systematically "nominalized" and finally eliminated within the Council-affiliated religious bodies, with a series of Council pronouncements on the new faith and morals evolving as Council dogma which will come to be binding on all member organizations. At the same time, the Council, in collaboration with the political arm of Operation '76, will undertake to intensify the assault upon churches and individual clergy and evangelists who remain outside the Council and faithful to fundamental tenets which fail to yield to the secularizing of God and His forms of worship. The assault will take two approaches: one frankly political, the other psycho-sociological. In the first, resisting churches, missions and individual religionists will be indentified with the "lunatic fringe" in the political area—the so-called "far-right," the "ex-

tremists," "fascists," et. al. In the second, the resisters will be portrayed as "sick," "paranoid," "escapist" and a menace to the "mental health" of both the local community and the Nation.

Satanic Religion Official

As these twin onslaughts, perpetuated by the liberal-oriented mass communications media, are determined by professional opinion surveys to have sufficiently isolated the non-ecumenicals from the sympathy, and even the toleration, of the conditioned mass public, the Federal Government will move into position, first to circumscribe and then to render virtually unlawful the formal propagation of those religious teachings to which the National Council of Churches has objected. The Federal action will follow the twin formula which Operation '76 will have applied beforehand. Politically, the Internal Revenue Service will be pressured to establish "guidelines" for determining the tax status of religious organizations and practicing clergymen, evangelists, and their contributors. These guidelines will precisely duplicate the official stand of the NCC with respect to the permitted teachings of its member groups, so that, for taxing purposes, a "church" or "religious body" or "religious practitioner" will be defined in terms of the NCC's "creed" of a secular God, the social gospel and the new morality. Bodies and individuals deviating from this "creed," whether NCC-affiliated or not, are to be excluded from the exemptions granted their income and property in previous years, and contributors to such non-conformists will be restricted and taxed (or denied deductions) on the monies and property which they give or bequeath to the same. It is proposed that such "guidelines" shall extend to privately-endowed charitable, educational and social service organizations and institutions whose purposes or practices embrace religious, ethical, moral or social pronouncements or ac-

tivities at variance with the developing State Religion.

At the same time, the NCC's psychosociological thrust will be reinforced by the Federal Government through another executive agency, the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, under which is operated the National Institute of Mental Health. The latter body is the one which was exposed nationally, in 1959, as having considered granting \$29,000 in Federal tax money for untested drug experiments on ninety normal children to be hand-picked from the Montgomery County (Pennsylvania) Public School System! Under the present plan as conceived in Operation '76, the National Institute of Mental Health will receive and accept recommendations from the World Health Organization, a Specialized Agency of the United Nations, setting forth "standards" for "healthy mental attitudes on religion and moral conduct." It is projected that these "standards" will parallel the "creed" of the National Council of Churches with respect to such matters, and that such concepts as Divinity, Salvation, "literalism" in Bible interpretation, chastity before marriage, abstinence from homosexual and perverted heterosexual relationships, etc., will be spelled out as latent signs of actual or potential "mental illness." As the Communist Party's "Lincoln Project" did in drafting a "Voting Rights" Bill which was enacted by Congress nine year later, "Operation '76" fixes an advance date for the introduction of legislation supplementing these "standards" in the United States. The year chosen by the Kremlin's blueprint is 1973, and the legislation (presently drafted by top Communist legal experts) provides for compulsory "observation, custodial care and such treatment as may be indicated by the patient's condition and prescribed by competent medical authority" in cases involving individuals "whose behavior, demeanor or public utterances

as an individual religious practitioner shall be such as to impair the emotional well-being of the community as defined in Article II of this Act."

True Religion Outlawed

The projected legislation will be known as the "National Community Health Act," with provisions extending to all phases of federal-state health services. It is planned as an omnibus bill, recodifying and tightening by both new and amended provisions laws to be enacted in the same area during the years prior to its introduction. The Act, in its provisions dealing with "individual religious practitioners," would render it totally impossible for any individual religionist to continue a public ministry outside the secularized "creed" of the National Council of Churches, since impairing the emotional well-being of the community" is defined in Article II as anything done "in the name or on the behalf of any religious body, sect, teaching or 'personal revelation', or in the pursuit of any organized or individual political objective, including election to party or public office or nomination therefor, which creates, or is calculated to create, public mistrust, fear, alarm or panic, or which propagates social mistrust, hostility or hatred of, toward or for any other religious and or political body, belief or conviction, when such shall result from appeals to the superstitious, the supernatural or unvalidated interpretations of religious experience of an occult order, or when otherwise unsupported by accepted religious or political usage as established by law."

Included in the usages "established by law" will be a number of strenuous religious and political restrictions imposed upon both organizations and individuals resisting both the World Church and World State which are the interrelated objectives of the Kremlin's "Operation '76." The restrictions, imposed by a series of Federal "guide-

lines," supplemental legislation and supporting Supreme Court decrees buttressing the assault upon our religious and political freedoms, include the psychological testing and screening of both religionists and contributors outside the NCC orbit; and one particular legal restraint on which we should spend a paragraph.

At this writing, agents operating within the world ecumenical movement have initiated the preparation of an "authorized version" of the Holy Bible which, by 1972, is to supplant the Douay Version in all Catholic (Roman) churches and the Revised Standard Version in all Protestant pulpits allied with the NCC. This will be the First Edition of an "evolving World Bible" which will "ultimately come to engage and reconcile the religious beliefs of all rational Twenty-First Century Mankind." In the First Edition, marking the "reunion of world Christendom," all Divinity is to be stripped from the Second Person of The Godhead, with The Nazarene emerging as the "historical Christ," the teacher and social reformer who met his death at the hands

of the Roman political power, which viewed his work among the poor and socially oppressed as a threat to its retention of the Province of Palestine! That is the "story" of the crucifixion which "World Church" Protestants and Catholics will be obliged to accept by their highest prelates, and which *all* churches, denominations and individual evangelists and communicants will be compelled *by law* to acknowledge when, again in 1973, it is made an offense punishable by imprisonment to publish or preach the crucifixion account related in the Douay and King James Versions of the Scriptures! At this writing, the legislation to ban the crucifixion passages of these Bibles from print, from the pulpit and from all other forms of communication is being agitated by the organization assigned this task—the notorious Red front, the Anti-Defamation League. The legislation itself is already in draft form, prepared for introduction into Congress well in advance of the publication of the First Edition of the "evolving World Bible" in which the ADL is also taking an active interest.

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